

# A WORLD OF QUESTIONS

## Posters on the Human Condition by Chaz Maviyane-Davies

LOWELL, Mass. - The UMASS Lowell Department of Art & Design is pleased to announce *A World of Questions: Posters on the Human Condition*, by Chaz Maviyane-Davies. The exhibition will be on view in the University Gallery from Mar. 21 - Apr. 21, 2016. There will be a Designer's talk with Chaz Maviyane-Davies on Wednesday, March 23rd in the O'Leary Library rm. 222 at 3:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the University Gallery from 4:30-6 p.m.

Chaz is currently a Professor of Design at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. In 2009 he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from UMASS Lowell. He has been described by the UK's Design magazine as "the guerrilla of graphic design." For more than three decades the award-winning, internationally renowned designer's powerful work has taken on issues of consumerism, health, politics, social responsibility, the environment and human rights. As well as being published in numerous books, international magazines and newspapers, his work has been exhibited extensively and is included in several permanent collections at various galleries worldwide, and published in numerous books, international magazines and newspapers.

His latest exhibition urges us to question things we might take for granted. Through the use of original imagery, each poster forces us to confront aspects of our entity by engaging us in the conversations of our time. This series originated because it became increasingly imperative to Chaz to formulate a project with a central theme that could explore and speak of questions. He remarks: "A question mark is a glyph that begs us to respond, and its metaphoric makeup could be relied upon to serve as my intermediary, all the while folding my faith into what I believe in about the world, as well as my certitude of the capability of art and design."

Chaz believes in the spiritual agency of design and its ability to express meaning while reaching out to people's imagination. "It encourages us to see things related to our being in completely new and unexpected ways. And because graphic design moves art, beauty and ideas to the foreground, it allows us to pose questions even though we may never find the answers."

For more information or to contact him visit his website [www.maviyane.com](http://www.maviyane.com).

The University Gallery is accessible to all. Gallery events are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Wilder Metered Lot, located at the intersection of Wilder Street and Bachelor Street, for both visitors and members of the UMass Lowell community. The entrance to the lot is located on Bachelor Street. After 3pm visitors may park in any open campus lot.

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Gallery Hours: Mon-Wed 10-4pm, Thurs 10-9pm, Fri/Sat 10-3pm, closed during school breaks.  
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